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House-sites for Harijans of Kandiaperi.

* 1478 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the present stage of the proposal for the grant of house-sites to the Harijans of Kandiaperi in Tirunelveli taluk; and

(*b*) how long it has been pending with the Government?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Proposals for the acquisition of an extent of 2·65 acres of land in Kandiaperi village of Tirunelveli taluk for grant of house-sites to Harijans were received from the Director of Harijan Welfare on 27th January 1955. Further particulars called for from the Collector of Tirunelveli are awaited."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" வீட்டு மனைக்கட்டுகள் கொடுப்பதாகச் சொல்லப்படும் அந்த மனைக்கட்டுகளில் நிற்கப்படும் பனைகள் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குச் சொந்தமாக இருந்தன. ஆனால் ரிக்கார்டுகள் வேறொருவருக்கு இருக்கின்றன. நிலங்களை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு வாங்கிக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்ததை அறிந்த ரிக்கார்டுகளையுடையவர்கள் பனைகளை சேதப்படுத்துவதோடல்லாமல் பல விதமான இடைஞ்சல்களையும் ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு இழைத்து வருகிறார்கள். இதை உத்தேசித்து உடனடியாக மனைகளை ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு ஜாரி செய்வதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government will give the matter their sympathetic consideration and see that house-sites are allotted to the Harijans."

Cox Colony.

* 1479 *Q.*—SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY (on behalf of Sri A. Ratnam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the expenditure so far incurred by the City Improvement Trust on Cox Colony and the aid and loan extended by the Government?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A block of 40 tenements has been constructed at a total cost of Rs. 32,000. Another block of 40 tenements is under construction. No loan or grant has been paid to the Trust by the Government for these buildings."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Question Nos. 1480 and 1481 may be taken up together."

Single-teacher schools.

* 1480 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of single-teacher schools opened in Chingleput district as per the suggestion of the Planning Commission:

(*b*) the number of schools still to be opened ; and

(*c*) the reasons for not opening them yet?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) 147 schools have been allotted and all the schools have been opened.

" (c) Does not arise."

* 1481 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of single-teacher schools opened in Malabar up to December 1954; and

(b) the total number of schools proposed to be opened in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 65.

" (b) 90."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, may I know how much response there is from the public for this new scheme, what approximately is the average attendance and what are the subjects that are taught in the schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, a single-teacher school is the usual elementary school. It is not a special kind of school. There has been very good response. In some villages, the attendance has increased considerably and it has become necessary to appoint another teacher in those schools."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister replied that 147 schools were allotted and that all of them have been opened. Many schools were allotted but they were not opened for want of accommodation. The Government say that these schools will be opened if accommodation is provided. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether any specific mention was made in the report sent to the Planning Commission that the schools will be opened only if accommodation is provided by the villagers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not see how schools can be opened without sufficient accommodation. Therefore, accommodation is essential. The question is who is to provide the accommodation. We have laid down that villagers should come forward to provide the accommodation and that they should also take some interest in the matter. In areas where it is not possible for the villagers to provide accommodation, the Government take that into consideration and steps are being taken to provide accommodation."

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—" Sir, there was a time when these single-teacher schools were discouraged by the Government, but now they are advocating the opening of such schools. May I know the policy of the Government in this matter."